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# MO Fishing

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

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**August 2025**

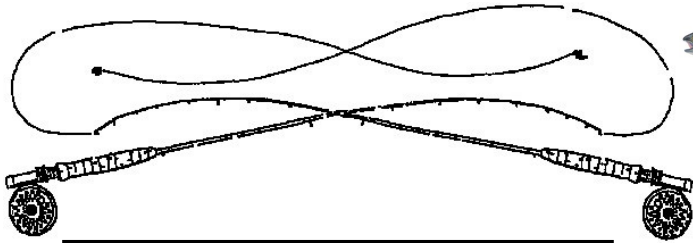
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**The regular meeting will be held on Thursday August 7 in Room B at the Springfield Library Center 5:30pm until 9:00 pm. The featured speaker will be Brent Stock Executive Director from the James River Basin Foundation.**

**Not too much fishing going on, its either raining or brutally hot and humid! Bob Randall has negotiated a proposed second Fly Fishing School, tentatively scheduled for the third quarter of this year. The Executive Committee voted to have this second class via email. We are hoping to build on the interest generated by these outreach teaching opportunities. See additional information in this newsletter. If you would like to assist this class, please contact Bob Randall. This Friday August 8, 2025, the Springfield Nature Center will host the Insect-O-Rama. We have members who will be tying at this event. Its always a joy to see all the kids, and they love the safety pin flies!**

***Happy fishing!***

***Pat Taggart***



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### ***Chapter News***



***Nature Center events needing Fly tying participants:***

***December 30 from 1:00PM til 4:00PM***

***August 28, 2025, Fly tying will be in the Story Hour Room at the Library Center. Moved due to construction at meeting rooms A & B.***

## ***Upcoming events and happenings:***

I talked with Rudy Martinez at the Springfield Nature Center and he is asking for fly tiers for the following dates:

December 30 from 1:00PM til 4:00PM

Current members committed to this event:

August 11, 2025, area wide fly tying at Emmanuel Lutheran Church—monthly fly tying, see below in this newsletter.

September 13 and 20, 2025—Beginning Fly Fishing Class 2.0. The Nature Center and the MTFA Springfield Chapter will co-sponsor this event. October 4, 2025—attendees will fish at Roaring River State Park 8:30am til Noon. See below for additional details.

October 10 and 11, 2025—White River Fly Fishers Expo at the Branson-Hollister Lions Club building, see further details in this newsletter.

***Bob Randall provided the following:***

## Beginning Fly fishing Classes

Hi,

Several members of the first class told me they knew of friends who would like to take the Beginning Fly Fishing course. Well, we are doing it again (with some modifications). We won't be able to take a free field trip to Mountain Springs Trout Park, however I may be able to negotiate a discount for an hour of catch and release fishing which will be an optional event. We will still have a field trip to Roaring River State Park. The dates are September 13 & 20 for the classroom/casting part at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center and October 4 for the field trip to Roaring River.

Just as we did last time, we will furnish the equipment sans eyewear and cap. We will also try to arrange fishing for no charge at Roaring River.

All sign-up will go through the Nature Center's website. You will have to sign up for each class separately, however, the field trip to RRSP will be arranged in the classroom.

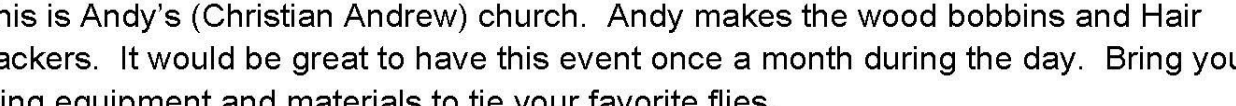
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If you are having difficulty registering online, you can contact the phone registration vendor at 1.888.283.0364. Event call center hours are M-F 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. This phone number is for event registration only. However, I can answer questions about the class through this email address or phone at 417-224-1104.

Bob Randall

A map snippet showing the location of Quail Ridge East Apartments. The apartment complex is marked with a black dot and labeled. It is situated near a green area, possibly a park or golf course. Surrounding streets include Camber, London Ave, and E Wilshire St. A road labeled 'D' is also visible.



We have a number of fly tying clubs in the surrounding area, MTFA, WRFF, TLFF, SWFF, MAKO and the Bennett Springs fly ties. You are invited. Not a member of one of these club, that is OK, you too are invited.

## JOIN US

## Fishing Reports:

From Bob Randall email dated 7/20/2025:

Christian and I went fishing last week. The heat cut the trip short. I didn't do well at the start fishing near the old CCC lodge. The fish looked at a fly if I moved it but refused to take. Christian caught some fish but I have forgotten the details. We went downstream near the campground. I noticed a hatch starting. I tied on a size 20 Griffith's gnat which can be fished dry or wet. I had no surface hits but I caught a couple letting the fly swing with the current. Had a few on that I didn't land. None of them hit hard. Some I didn't even feel the bite. No photos. Couldn't find shad at that point and had to quit. Bob

Michael Kidd

There is a new Facebook page where people are encouraged to submit photos of illegal activity etc at Taneycomo. Please send letters to MDC about the terrible situation at toilets at Table Rock Dam. Michael had pictures of the toilets and it was pretty gross.

Next club outing is sponsored by Rod Pennington as follows:

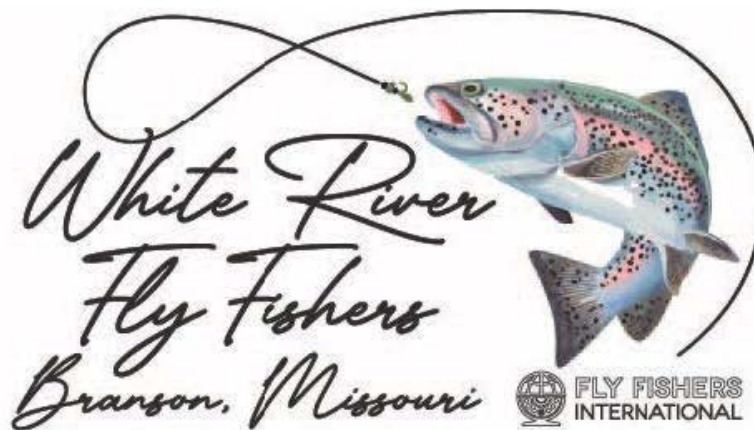
Friday August 15, 2025 at Bennett Springs State Park. Rod will be there about 8:00am in the water. Please mark your calendars.



SAVE THE DATE

WRFF EXPO  
OCTOBER 10-11/2025

FLY TIERS  
VENDORS  
FLY TYING CONTEST  
DEMONSTRATIONS  
SILENT AUCTIONS  
RAFFLES  
GOOD FOOD  
GREAT FELLOWSHIP



## White River Fly Fishers Exposition 2025

When: October 10-11/2025

Where: Branson-Hollister Lion's Club

1015 East Hwy 76, Branson, Missouri 65616

Time: 3:00 PM Thursday 10/09/2025 for Vendor set up. 9-5 Friday 9-4 Saturday

All tiers welcome! However space may be limited so sign up soon!

Vendor tables @ \$50.00 ea. Or donation for raffle at equal or greater value.

There will be a fly box swap!

For those wishing to help us continue to host an annual event, the donation of a

“box” of flies or similarly related item would be greatly appreciated but is

Strictly voluntary!

Vendor table contacts: Howard Hawkins – pdgpcc@gmail.com

Matthew Peet – ozarkboy06@yahoo.com

Tiers sign up contact: Dennis Stead – dmstead@aol.com

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

August 7, 2025: Monthly meeting Library Center 5:30PM-9:00PM Community Room B

August 8, 2025: Insect-O-Rama Springfield Nature Center 6:30PM til 9:00PM

August 28, 2025: Fly Tying Library Center Community Story Hour Room 5:30PM-9:00PM

September 4, 2025: Monthly Meeting Library Center 5:30PM-9:00PM Community Room B

September 25, 2025: Fly Tying Library Center 5:30PM-9:00PM Community Room B

October 2, 2025: Monthly Meeting Library Center Community Room B 5:30PM-9:00PM

October 8, 2025,: Executive Committee Meeting Noon at the Village Inn 2036S. Glenstone Avenue

October 23, 2025: Fly Tying Community Library Center Room B 5:30PM-9:00PM

November 6, 2025: Monthly Library Center Meeting Room Auditorium 5:30PM-9:00PM

November—no fly tying due to Thanksgiving Day

December 4, 2025: Annual Christmas Dinner at Golden Corral

January 2, 2026—**No Meeting—New Year's Day**

January 22, 2026: Fly Tying Library Center, Auditorium 5:30PM—9:00PM

February 5, 2026: Monthly Meeting Library Center, Community Room B 5:30PM—9:00PM

February 26, 2026: Fly Tying Library Center, Community Room B 5:30PM—9:00PM

March 5, 2026: Monthly Meeting Library Center, Community Room B 5:30PM—9:00PM

March 26, 2026: Fly Tying Library Center, Community Room B 5:30PM-9:00PM

April 2, 2026: Monthly Meeting Library Center, Community Room B 5:30PM-9:00PM

April 23, 2026: Fly Tying Library Center, Community Room B 5:30PM-9:00PM

May 7, 2026: Monthly Meeting Library Center, Community Room B 5:30PM-9:00PM

May 28, 2025: No Fly Tying due this being the week of Memorial Day

June 4, 2026: Monthly Meeting Library Center Community Room B 5:30PM—9:00PM

June 25, 2026: Fly Tying Library Center, Community Room B 5:30PM—9:00PM





***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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If you would like to submit an article for the MTFA newsletter, please put MTFA NL in the email subject line and send to Pat Taggart: [cptaggart@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cptaggart@sbcglobal.net)

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