

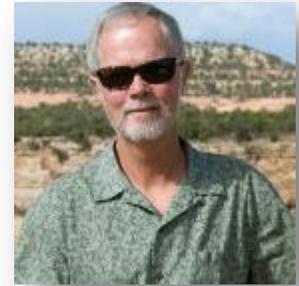
January 2014



President's Message

By Bill Leslie

Welcome to a new year! Last night was our annual banquet/auction, and by all measures it was an unqualified success. It was well attended by about 85 members, spouses and corporate sponsors. There was something for everyone and few people went home empty handed. Despite some last minute trouble connecting to the credit card processing company, everything went smoothly. Thanks for your patience as Patti Hummert dealt with the problem. The food was delicious and the line moved quickly. Tammi's homemade desserts made me wish I had left room for more. The live auction was brisk and entertaining, with bidding energetic on most items. Ron Jacober was an excellent auctioneer, with some great stories. Now I know I should be using nightcrawlers to improve my chances.



Preliminary numbers look great, with OFF raising about \$6000.00. Thanks to everyone who helped make the event a success. A special thanks to Mark Harris, who collected all the great items for auction, Bob Zagar for his hard work planning the event and making it run smoothly, and everyone who pitched in to help set up, handle the registration, accept payments, set up the a/v and history board, run the 50/50 (which raised \$600), get the winners their items and all handle all the other details that made this a huge success. Working with you is a pleasure.

Montauk F.Y.A.O. Outing

By Malcolm Royce

It is time to begin planning on the FYAO at Montauk, February 7 – 9, 2014. It is always an adventure going out when the weather can do anything, and normally does. We will be closing down the catch and release season, and getting rid of a little cabin fever. This year we will add a steak fry on Saturday night, furnished by Ozark Fly Fishers, for all the brave souls who make the trip.

Cabins 23, 24, and 25 are 1 bedroom with 1 queen bed and a Murphy bed. These cabins can sleep 2 or 3 people. The cost is \$254.00 for the weekend.

Cabins 26, 27, 28 and 29 are 2 bedroom and 2 queen beds and a Murphy bed. These cabins can sleep 3 to 5 people. The cost is \$352.00 for the weekend.

I will be calling everyone who went last year, but I look forward to seeing new people join us this year. If you need a roommate for the trip, let me know and I will try to pair you up. For information on the trip call Malcolm Royce at 636-329-1504, or E-mail me at Doorman709@sbcglobal.net. Please mail me the cabin cost as soon as possible to secure the unit you want.

STREAMSIDE

By Tim Wade

Resolutions have been the talk since the New Year. Comments like: "I am going to quit smoking." Or, "I am going to lose all the weight I've been telling myself to get off for the past 10 New Year's Days!" Well, good luck with all that.

Long ago, I discovered resolutions and I did not get along. For whatever reason, most of the time, my resolutions, although well intentioned, did not get through the first week before I had made another resolution to take it, or all of them, on the following year. Too busy right now to get 'r done, so to speak. Making resolutions once a year seemed pointless for many reasons and it still does.

Meeting failure and face to face contact with my obviously flaccid, and out of shape character so early in a new year seems such a negative when there are so many positives offered with a new beginning each year. Therefore, my method is to establish goals, rather than resolutions, as the calendar rolls over to January 1.

While resolutions seem to me to be more like cast in stone contracts, goals are negotiable and can be classified immediate, 30 day, 60 day, or long-term, if necessary. Therefore, failure is less of an option, while accomplishing the desired result is more likely to happen, making goals more desirable than resolutions. Goals have been set this year of course.

Some can be shared and some are just goals, with target dates set, but only to see how they shake out in 2014, or, if necessary, beyond that. No surprise, but there are many goals set for different river systems in the US. God willing, there are also some salt water destinations on that list of goals that might happen, too! Optimism runs high thus far this year! See how much fun goals can be?

After putting God, family, country and everyone else as first priorities on my goal list, chasing seasonal aquatic insect hatches is always the next goal set. Doing so requires it to be done on personal time, unfortunately, so my opportunities are not as frequent as you might think. The reason I list that as my top goal. Hope springs eternal, doesn't it?

Luckily, some of those hatches happen locally every month of the year around Cody, so travelling far isn't required. Blue-winged olives, midges, Mother's Day Caddis, Salmonflies, other caddis hatches, Pale Morning Duns, Green Drakes, Gray Drakes, and the like can keep one bouncing around quite a bit from watershed to watershed, especially after the Ides of March pass.

These hatches occur on the Shoshone, Clarks Fork, Bighorn River and other drainages East of Yellowstone National Park. All fun, although beginning to show the signs of too much pressure in some areas these days. If these rivers are not fishing well, I can always slip off to the N. Platte, Madison, Missouri, Henry's Fork or the Green River below Flaming Gorge to meet my goals.

Sounds fun and it can be when everything comes together. Other goals might qualify more for a Bucket List than as an action 'goal', if you get my meaning. Taking 2000 billfish on a fly like my good friend Stu Apte is a goal. Getting there is up to me and fish. Riding mules into the upper Amazon and floating a wild, raging river for golden dorado is a goal, too, but at my age, it probably should stay on my B. List and stick with flinging dries during peak hatch times around NW Wyoming.

On the other hand and given the above circumstances, maybe I should place the dorado trip on my Goal List and move something else off into the future. Hmm. I will give that some thought. I would feel guilty if I treated a resolution this way, but have no qualms about rearranging a goal to meet my prurient and selfish reasons! Now you know the real reason why making resolutions every year just does not do it for this angler.

OFF Website – What's New

by Mark Thalhammer

A couple weeks ago I sent out a Yahoo! Group email, to let members know that I put up a video on the website of Ed Story tying [The Crackleback](#). I know that many of you have had an opportunity to view this piece of history. If you haven't had the chance to watch the video please try to find the time. The easiest way to get to this page is by clicking on <http://ozarkflyfishers.org/education/vids-pods.html> or if you are on the home page of the OFF website <http://ozarkflyfishers.org/index.html> you can use the cascading menus and look in "education/Videos & Podcasts." Please watch this video and feel free to give it thumbs up, mark it as a favorite, and/or leave comments on YouTube.

If you know of any PODCASTS or VIDEOS that you think our members would like OR if you have any suggestions on how to make our website more helpful for the members, please let me know. Feedback is always appreciated.

Membership Renewal for 2014—Final Reminder

By Dave Haas

If you have not yet renewed your Ozark membership for 2014 you have missed the timely renewal period, and you will have to renew at the late renewal rate at an increased cost for individual, senior, and family memberships. The good news is that you can still renew in time to have your name included in the 2014 Ozark Membership Directory, and you will not miss any issues of the Ozark newsletter, if we receive your renewal form and check on or before January 31. Memberships not renewed by January 31 will be terminated in accordance with the Ozark By-Laws.

If you wish to continue to receive a paper copy of the newsletter through the U. S. mail you must check the appropriate box on the renewal form. Of course, if you have not provided us with your e-mail address you will continue to receive a paper newsletter. We encourage everyone with an e-mail address to give up the paper copy of the newsletter because printing and delivery costs eat up almost the entire renewal dues of an Individual membership.

Don't miss any of the outstanding programs, speakers, outings, or other events planned for 2014. Support the efforts of Ozark Fly Fishers on behalf of the conservation of our fisheries resources. Take advantage of our educational classes. Enjoy the camaraderie of like-minded individuals in our club. If you haven't already renewed, do it NOW! Fill out the membership application attached to this newsletter and mail it in with your check a.s.a.p.!

This is the last time a reminder and renewal form for 2014 will appear in the Ozark newsletter.

Ozark Fly Fishers Database Report to Members January 14, 2014

Last reported membership on 10-15-2013	233
New memberships since 10-15-2013	13
Former members rejoining since 10-15-2013	<u>2</u>
Total memberships as of 1-14-2014	248
A year ago	278
Annual gain or (loss)	(30) (10.8%)

Ozark welcomes the following new members:

Morgan Bearden & Family
Rolla, MO

Wayne Meglan
St. Louis, MO

Michael R. Brand
St. Louis, MO

Mark A. & Leslie Molamphy
St. Louis, MO

Marietta Caiarelli
Kirkwood, MO

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St. Louis, MO

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Bill Lyon
Lee's Summit, MO

Steven J. & Susan Votava
Des Peres, MO

Michael T. Marcotte
Independence, MO

Dave Haas
Membership Committee
(Database & Directory)

Ozark Fly Fishers Calendar of Events 2013

"Coming Soon"

Feb. 3rd Intro to Fly Tying Class – GRC Queeny Park

Feb. 4th Special Tying Class – Shurway Auto – Bass Poppers with Joseph Aimonette

Feb. 8th FYAO

Feb. 10th Intro to Fly Tying Class \$

Feb. 10th Last Day of Catch and Release – Trout Parks

Feb. 20th Fly Fishing Missouri Trout Parks – Queeny Park 7:30 to 9:30

Mar. 4th Intro to Fly Fishing – GRC Queeny park 7:30 – 9:30 \$

Mar. 6th Fly Fishing Techniques – 7:30 – 9:30 \$

Mar. 8th All Day Meeting with Gary Borger

Mar. 10th Special Tying Class – Hopper patterns with Mike Ott

Mar. 12th Member Ship Tying Class – Ant and Beetles

Mar. 13th Reading the water – GRC Queeny Park 7:30-9:30 \$

Mar. 20' 21 and 22 – Sowbug Round Up 2014, Baxter County Fairgrounds, Mountain Home, AR www.northarkansasflyfisher.org

Mar. 25th Intro to Fly Fishing – GRC Queeny Park – 7:30 – 9:30 \$

Mar. 29th Chili Tie In – Marlins Clubhouse – 9:00 – 3:00

Ozark Fly Fishers Membership Application

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Date _____

Name _____

Spouse/Family _____

Number & Street _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone Numbers: Home _____ Work _____

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If you want to receive a paper copy of the newsletter through the U.S. mail IN ADDITION TO an e-mail reminder when the monthly club newsletter appears on our web site, check here. _____

Other Club Memberships (check all that apply)

Conservation Federation of Missouri _____
Smallmouth Alliance _____

* Federation of Fly Fishers _____
Trout Unlimited _____

* F.F.F. members who are Illinois residents should request membership in the Southern Council on their F.F.F. membership application or by sending an e-mail to membership@fedflyfishers.org.

Dues (check only ONE item below)

NEW member, or LATE renewal (January 2nd or AFTER)

Individual--\$30 _____ Senior (65+)--\$30 _____ Family--\$40 _____ Corporate--\$250 _____

(NEW members joining in October or later are automatically renewed for the following year.)

Mail this form and a check payable to
Ozark Fly Fishers to:

(PLEASE do NOT attach check to form.)

Ozark Fly Fishers
Membership Committee
P.O. Box 440181
Saint Louis, MO 63144-4181

Mill Creek:

By Jim Marsteller

Much is going on with Mill Creek. Here is a sample.

Engineered log jams – aka “Big Wood” Multiple structures will be placed on the stream to create habitat for a wide variety of aquatic species. In particular, these will provide permanent holding water – or deep holes – among other features.

Note: these are not dams, but rather large permanently-anchored wood structure (50+ trees each) that will create the holes and not be washed away by floods. The focus area will be from the picnic area to downstream about a mile. Survey work is complete. Construction planned to begin 2014.

Joint-Planning – A process has been proposed by the Nature Conservancy, and accepted by the various agencies, that will satisfy the base needs of each (i.e. of the DNR, MDC, and FS). Thank you Jim Morrison, for your leadership and participation. A multitude of specific projects will be identified in the final plan. The MDC is setting money aside in their budget to help fund this.

Elm Springs Branch – The total ecosystem restoration of Elm Springs branch is in progress. Funding for the analysis had been secured and implementation funding is being pursued. Installing interpretive signs and perhaps a small trail or a viewing platform to educate and provide recreational enjoyment are under discussion.

Team Work - Our last meeting attracted 12 people from the local community which is outstanding. In addition, Mark Dean, head of the Mill Creek Neighbors has joined the board. Outstanding!

Documentary Film – Jonathan Eberle is putting the final wraps on a film that tells the Mill Creek Story. Channel 9 has contributed approximately \$10,000 in studio time in support of this endeavor. Thank you KETC!



The Fly Box

By Al Bourisaw

I would like to address something a little different this month in the fly box. As most of membership knows, the club does not donate money to groups or organizations whose objectives are not consistent with Ozark Fly Fishers, Inc. Although, its objectives are not consistent with OFF, Trout Busters is a group that does excellent work supporting such groups as Reel Recovery, Project Healing Waters and Patty Hummert’s cancer support group. It is, I believe, worthy of support from OFF other than financial. OFF members can make individual contributions, provide volunteer support or provide some kind of service.



With this in mind, the Board of Directors directed Jim Morrison, Malcolm Royse and I to look at a way that we could support Trout Busters, other than financially. We decided to provide 1,000 flies for Trout Buster to raffles at one of their many functions. This will take quite an effort, so I am asking members to tie a dozen of their favorite flies and bring it to the February meeting, run it by T. Hargrove Fly Shop on Manchester or call me and I will pick them up (314.952.9865). We would like to present the flies to Jim Wallace of Trout Busters at the all day meeting on March 8th. With all the cold weather that we are having this would be a good time to sit down at the vise and tie up a dozen.

Thank you.

Al Bourisaw

Fly of the Month

Bloody Mary Nymph

By Mike Ott

If you are going to fish Missouri's Eleven Point River, you will need to tie up some dark stonefly nymphs, some golden stonefly nymphs, some big prince nymphs, and this little-known Bloody Mary nymph. This pattern is normally fished as the dropper to a heavy nymph so use a brass bead to keep the weight down. I will admit to being skeptical, but it proved to be the hot fly of the day.

Hook: TMC 3761 size 10-14 (bigger is better on the Eleven Point)

Bead: Gold Brass

Thread: 8/0 Black

Tail: Ginger or Brown Goose Biots

Body: Chinese Red Uni-Stretch Floss

Ribbing: Peacock Herl

Hackle: Hungarian Partridge



Thread bead on hook and secure in vise. Start thread behind bead and advance to the hook bend.

Build a small bump of thread adjacent to the hook barb.

Tie in a pair of goose biots- one on each side of the thread bump curving outward- to make a forked tail.

Tie in peacock herl ribbing on top of the tail. Whip finish black thread and trim.

Start Chinese red uni-stretch floss just behind bead and wrap to hook bend.

Remember to keep untwisting the floss as you wrap and form smooth slightly tapered body to just behind the bead. Whip finish the floss and trim.

Start black thread again just behind the bead.

Put a light coat of head cement over the red body and spiral-wrap the peacock herl rib to the bead while the cement is still wet.

(makes a much more durable body) Tie off peacock herl and trim excess.

Just behind the bead, tie in a Hungarian partridge feather by the tip and make one or two turns.

Tie off and trim the partridge feather. Whip finish and trim the thread.

I suppose you could make this fly with other body materials or in different colors, but why would you want to? The color scheme is classic, and the profile is very buggy. Again, we fished this dead drift as the dropper under a heavy stonefly nymph.

Casting Tip January 2014

By Bill Armon CCI

The last casting tip promised THE answer on what causes tailing loops. See the October 2013 newsletter. The "final" word as told to me, direct from the mouth of one of the FFFs best casting instructors.

97% of tailing loops are caused by the inappropriate application of power.

However to pin things down more precisely is nearly impossible. The most common error in the application of power is starting the change of direction too quickly and/or too powerfully. Any motion that causes the rod tip to not be smooth may end up causing a tailing loop or will result in a poor cast if measures are taken to prevent a tailing loop.

May we have slow accelerations to a hard stop of the casting hand, and a smooth change of direction, all the while maintaining a straight line path of the rod tip. Casting on the lawn before the meetings will begin this spring. Hope to see everyone next meeting.

Ozark Fly Fishers Yahoo Group

One of the benefits of being a member of the Ozark Fly Fishers is the Ozark Fly Fishers Yahoo group. The Yahoo Group is a direct line of communication with all who choose to join.

Like any other club function, the more members participating the better. The OFF Yahoo group is reserved for **Members Only** to keep spam and other issues that go hand and hand with the internet under control.

The Yahoo group is a great avenue to receive or post fishing reports, big and little fish pictures or thoughts and ideas on club functions as well as to seek advice from a vast wealth of knowledge on just about anything fly fishing.

To become an Ozark Fly Fishers Yahoo member is easy. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact **Mike Swederska**
Cell: (314)-799-1998 Office: (314)-645-5440. Email shur-way@sbcglobal.net

Ozark Fly Fishers Objectives

Founded 1971

To promote fly fishing as the most sportsmanlike and enjoyable way of fishing and the method most consistent with the preservation and wise use of our game fish.

To practice conservation of natural resources and to support efforts for environmental quality and pollution control.

To provide advice, education, and assistance to promote the art of fly fishing.

To demonstrate applied techniques in fly fishing, tying, casting and related subjects

*Ozark Fly Fishers meet at 7:00 PM on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Queeny Park Rec Center
(Unless noted differently – see Calendar)*

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